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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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HONEST SOULS

Want to be Saved, Want The Light And
Will Walk in it When They See it.

MANY OF THESE AND WE MUST FIND THEM.

I wish I could impress on the minds of our people the fact that we are indeed living in the last days of this dispensation, and that there is such a great work to be done in such a short time that there is no time to lose.

Almost every day we come in contact, in some manner, with honest souls that are unacquainted with our ways in Christ. (1 Cor. 4:17.) When they read our literature or hear the Word expounded by our ministers they often become interested and a desire is created in them to know more about our teaching. Thus there is a continuous stream of honest souls flowing into the Church of God. And many want to come that have thus far been deprived of the opportunity.

There is a peculiar power and holy influence working among the true children of God drawing them closer and closer together. Divisions, and envy and strife are clearing away from the true saints of God. There is a special form of love taking possession that gives no place for the adversary to creep in. The saints outside the Church of God show a degree of uneasiness, but they seem to be overshadowed with a halo of glory that keeps their spirits subdued and their hearts tuned to sing God's praise.

There is no compromise on our part that is a cause for this coming together. We are not lowering the standard or deviating from the truth in order to get closer to the dear saints that are without, but they are accepting the very same truths we have accepted and thus we are following our great Leader in close proximity with each other. About the only difference there is between us in many instances is that we have accepted the covenant and been set in the Church and received by the brethren (3 John 8.) and the others have not.

As far as salvation is concerned they have it as well as we. They are sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost evidenced by the "other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." They are workers in the Master's vineyard similar to the characters mentioned by John, and according to John's instructions we ought to receive them. But we cannot until they become willing to be received.

The Church of God has been so misunderstood and misrepresented that many precious honest souls have been made afraid of us, but this fear is disappearing from the minds of those who attend our meetings and read our literature. We have been called "snake charmers" and "fire eaters" in derision because we take up serpents according to Mark 16:18, and handle fire and see the violence of it quenched according to Hebrews 11:34. But the true saints of God ev-

erywhere are gradually coming closer to the power that enables us to do these miraculous things.

We are not saying "good-by" to the Church of God and Bible organization and going to them, but they are getting aroused from their slumbers in respect to government and Bible order and beginning to say, with bowed and reverential forms, "good morning" to the Church of God. They are receiving her with wide open arms.

This little love message will reach thousands of the Lord's children who are not members of the great Church of God, but they know we love them and we know that they love us. We are all members of the same family, with one common Father and one Savior and King, but the slight separation is shown in the Church—government and rule. The dear ones on the outside cannot measure up to all the Scriptures. There is no other government in the world that makes it possible for its people to measure to the entire Word of God but the Church of God. The Bible was not written for any other government, and no other government was ever instituted to fit the Bible. No other government can be made to fit the Bible.

While sitting here in my quiet sanctum while others are locked in slumber and repose, I close my eyes and take a view of the world. Among the millions of earth's inhabitants I see a multitude of honest souls that only need a little assistance and they will be one with us. They are as honest as we are, but have not had the opportunity. Many of them are yet unsaved and they want to be saved, want the light and will walk in it when they see it. There are many of these and we must find them.

I will never forget a word that met my ears when I visited one of the far away islands of the sea. After explaining the simplicity of the gospel and telling of the love of Jesus, one said, "Why did you not come sooner? Only a few days ago one of my near relatives died and did not know of this blessed way. I wish you could have been here and told her about the Savior." And the big tears of grief and sorrow filled the eyes of the speaker.

Honest souls, but they did not know. There are millions of them today, and we must find them. Jesus said, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." This is enough to encourage us to go. There are some that will not hear, but if they are sheep they will hear, and they will follow, and of course they will be led by the Great Shepherd into the very

Church of His own construction and organization.

There is something about me to-night that is reaching out after the multitudes from which we are shut away because of certain bars and gates and fences and rules and powers. These barriers must be broken down. The barriers that are keeping the Lord's true saints separated must be blasted out of the way. It will not do for them to remain. We are too close to the reign of the anti-christ, and the great tribulation days to be kept apart, when God has ordained that we be together.

The perfect standard described by Paul is "unity of the faith," and having certain "knowledge of the Son of God." As he continues his description and we read it carefully we conclude that it is God's plan for all of the Lord's people to be together. He says, "The whole body fitly joined together and compacted." This surely means to take in all of God's children, but there is to be a joining.

The material for the house may be prepared for the house lying about in piles at different places. The architect has it all planned and all the tenons and mortises made, and it is his purpose to have it all joined together, but while it is lying in different places and piles it is not joined. This illustrates the way the Lord's people are scattered about in different flocks and missions. They are independent bands and have no restrictions and rules to govern them. They are not joined, much less compacted.

But there comes a time when the carpenter and his men take up the pieces that have been prepared and put them together one by one. They keep on at their work joining each piece to the building until every piece is joined in. While they are at their work they often drive the pieces up to their place with great sledge hammers and often nails are used to make the joints secure.

By Paul's statement and the teaching of other Scriptures I conclude that God wants all of His children joined together and compacted. Especially does this seem necessary in these last days as we are to make the last great drive to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. There should be unity of action, and systematic methods used to accomplish this task.

While we do not believe in carnal warfare, but we use this sometimes to illustrate spiritual warfare. Paul did this in his writings. What could the United States government hope to accomplish in this world war if each state should undertake to act independently of the other? But no, the United States is one government, and the President is the commander-in-chief of all the armies. Each state is furnishing her quota of men, but this, too, is all under the direction of the one government. In these war times not only the armies are operated from headquarters, but the railroads and shipping, food and fuel administrations, are all under the supervision of the government at

Washington. This whole system is arranged to avoid competition, and irregular attacks on the enemy that would result in disaster and failure. Uniformity and concerted action in all departments is what the government considers necessary to win the war.

This same principle among the Lord's children is what it will take to evangelize this world preparatory for the coming of our Lord. "This gospel of the kingdom," says Jesus, "shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14.) And this gospel of the kingdom includes the tongues with the Holy Ghost baptism, healing, miracles, signs, wonders, the Church and unity.

We will suffer defeat as long as the Lord's children work in opposition and competition. It is contrary to good judgment and wisdom for the Pentecostal people to be running missions in opposition to one another, and competing with one another in getting the greatest numbers. Many of the leaders are seeing that they cannot have a good influence over honest souls and win them for Christ and have so much division. Wise steps have been taken by some of the Pentecostal leaders in Louisville, Kentucky, in the last few months. These leaders are worthy of admiration and praise. When they saw they were without government and system, and they saw the Church of God had both, they marched over and joined the Church of God. Judging from information received recently it is only a matter of time till all Pentecostal work in that great city will be under the banner of the Church of God. The same spirit is working in other places.

This kind of a movement will catch the honest souls and lead them to Christ. When they see unity and peace reigning among all the saints that pose as Pentecostal, there will be an ingathering similar to that at Pentecost. Many want to be saved, they want the light and will walk in it when they get it, but as long as we have to endure opposition and competition among ourselves we will not be able to get the light to them. There are many of these and we must find them, but in order to do it we will have to have uniformity of action and systematic methods. All opposition and competitions among ourselves must cease and we work together under one banner and one administration.

I would be willing to throw my influence into some other Pentecostal movement to accomplish this desired end if one could be found that is nearer the standard of the Bible than the Church of God. But where is it? We have the Bible name, we have the nearest approach to the Bible order and system of any organization on the globe. We have the full Bible doctrine, and we have the approval of God which is the best of all. I keep in touch with the Pentecostal movements and I can sin-

cerely declare that God is honoring the Church of God with His presence and power above them all. This same thing has been observed and acknowledged by good substantial people on the outside.

Another thing I have observed about this matter is, that the increase of adherents to the Church of God for the last years has exceeded them all. The truth of Isaiah's prophecy is being demonstrated where he says, "Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: All they gather themselves together, they come to thee." This means the people are coming to the Church of God. The Church of God is the only institution on earth that can nestle under the wings of this prophecy in reality.

The prophet continues by saying, "The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel." (Isa. 60:18.) This prophecy has already been verified in many instances.

After thus considering the various Pentecostal movements in comparison with the great Church of God I have decided to remain under her banner and stand by her standard till Jesus comes or calls. I consider this the best thing to do in order to find the multitudes of honest souls and win them for Christ. But while I remain I wish to extend a word of love and welcome to all of the Lord's children that are yet in some other movements. My love for such is unbounded, but I cannot leave the great Church of God to go to them and cast my lot with them. If I had opportunity I might fall in and worship with them as I have often done in the past, but I cannot leave the Church of God and join them. They cannot afford to ask me to do so if they are acquainted with the unity and order already existing in the Church of God, and the favor and power God is bestowing upon her as a whole.

On the other hand whole missions, ministers and all are sweeping into the Church of God. Others are contemplating the same move. God is putting it into their hearts to do this. They are close enough to Him to hear and heed His voice. I know, and they know, that it is God's plan for us to be joined together for the last days conflict against sin and the devil in heralding "the Gospel of the kingdom * * * in all the world for a witness unto all nations." I know, and they know, that "this gospel" has not been fully preached everywhere the common churches have carried the Bible. All Pentecostal people know that it takes the power and signs to accompany the letter of the Bible to fully preach "this gospel of the kingdom." This statement is confirmed by a statement made by the Apostle Paul where he says, "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, through

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We are preparing to add another quarterly to our Sunday School requisites for next quarter. It will be prepared specially for the children. The price will be 5 cents.

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Order all the tracts you can and let us all work together to flood the country with our literature. We are selling the tracts at a very small price in order to help all we can in their distribution. We must use every possible means to get the message to the people and do it in a hurry.

Having received some orders for Cruden's Complete Concordance we decided to lay in a stock of these valuable books to supply our people. Every one that studies the Bible should have a complete concordance. We can furnish them post paid at \$1.35 per copy.

Remember that next Sunday, March 10, is missionary day. It would be good for the pastors and ministers to weave into their discourses something about the importance of foreign mission work and create a good interest before giving opportunity for the offerings. We hope no church or minister will neglect this.

Here we come again with a request for our people to use their best efforts to boost the Evangel. We have started a campaign here at Cleveland by calling attention to the matter and supplying every volunteer worker with subscription blanks. It might be well for every pastor to order some of the blanks and distribute them among the workers in his congregations. We have only a very short time to work to reach the ten thousand mark by the first of April, and for special reasons we are very anxious to make it ten thousand by that date. I kindly ask every body to lend a hand and help us.

Evangelists Notice.

Read this carefully and do not misunderstand. We now have the new certificate forms ready and according to the ruling of the last Assembly it will be necessary for all the Evangelists to have their credentials renewed.

DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the central office we will call them in by sections. Please do not send until your section is called. The first section will include all west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists of the Church of God now laboring west of the Mississippi river, that on and after the fifth day of February 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and, therefore, you are hereby authorized to send your old credentials to the principle office at Cleveland, Tenn., to have them replaced with new ones that are good for 1918.

SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:

Be it known to all Evangelists now laboring in the state of Alabama that on and after February 15 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all the Evangelists now laboring in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia, that on and after February 25 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.

Be it known to all the Evangelists whose church membership is in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, that on and after March 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

These four sections are all we will call in at this time. The balance in any state or territory will be good until called for. Please do not misunderstand and send in before your time.

CAN YE DRINK THE CUP?

AARON A. SMITH

James and John, two of Jesus' disciples, who were greatly loved by Him, desired to be very near Him; they wanted the honor of sitting one on His right and the other on His left in glory. They wanted to make sure of a place in His kingdom which He had told them so much about, and they thought the only thing to do in order to obtain it was just to ask for it.

But Jesus said: "Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink the cup that I drink of?" Jesus spoke of the cup of His suffering. We hear Him say when in great agony in the garden of Gethsemane, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

James and John were like many Christians today; they wanted to have a 'place in the kingdom of heaven, but did not realize what it meant to obtain it. They did not know that great humility and suffering must come before honor. Indeed it would be an honor to sit on the right or left of Jesus—the King—in His kingdom; but I hear Solomon say: "Before hon-

or is humility," and Paul, "If we suffer with him we shall also reign with him." So here is a great barrier between James and John and the honor they desired.

So it is with many Christians today; they want to rank high in society, live luxuriantly, be an up-to-date church member, have the good will of the "better class" of people, as they say, and then step from there right into the kingdom of heaven and share the honor and glory of Jesus Christ. But Jesus says, "Ye speak foolishly," or "Ye know not what ye ask; the cup of suffering goes in connection with the honor ye desire. You will have to drink it first. Can you drink it?"

I imagine, if Jesus hears the prayers of some people at all, today, when they are clinging to the world and have their hearts full of the cares of this life, grasping after money, seeking fame and honor, striving to keep up with the fashions and follies, and pray, "O Lord, I want a place in thy kingdom, I surely want to be caught up when Jesus comes; grant that I may share in thy glory," He says the same thing to them that He said to James and John—"Ye know not what ye ask; can ye drink the cup I drink of? Are you willing to suffer with me? Will you LABOR in my vineyard? Can you endure the hardships of my life? Are you willing to be despised by the world and bear the reproach of the people of God in order that ye may be partakers of my glory?" (For if we suffer with Him we may also be glorified together. See Rom. 8:7.) But they say, "No, Lord, I don't want to bear the reproach of the people of God, and suffer persecutions I cannot, to humble myself is more than I can bear to think about; but I want a place in thy kingdom. You need some nice intelligent folks that the world will admire and honor, so I'll be one of them. The world says we are all weak-minded and of no reputation and I want to prove to them that we are not. Surely you will give me a place in your kingdom if I live a life that even the world will honor!"

Certainly, God needs wise, intelligent people, but not in the proud wisdom of this world; for James says God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. Jesus says, he that exalteth himself shall be abased.

So the only way to the glorious kingdom of heaven and to share in the glory of Jesus Christ is by following His steps, bearing His reproach, drinking the cup He drank, suffering for His name's sake, bearing false accusations and persecutions for His cause, bidding the world adieu, forsaking worldly ways and honors, making our life one of sacrifice, taking up OUR CROSS and following Him. Can ye drink it?

HONEST SOULS

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mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." (Rom. 15: 18, 19.)

It is admitted that the common churches have not carried the doctrine of healing to the heathen much less the tongues and other signs. The few Pentecostal missionaries that have gone forth have taken the gospel of healing and the tongues, but they are short in other signs and wonders. The full gospel with all of its

power and glory must go forth. The Church of God stands for the whole, and I do not know of a single Pentecostal movement that does this but the Church of God.

I conclude this article by repeating that there are many honest souls that want to be saved, and want the light and will walk in it when they see it, and there are many of these, and we must find them, and they will only be found and led to Christ by the very best methods,—uniformity of action by all of God's true saints and under the Bible standard of government which avoids all division, opposition and competition.

Sopris, Colo.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Christ:

I am praising our dear Lord for full salvation in my soul. Glory to God! I am still under the precious blood of Jesus.

I do praise God for the way He is working here in Segundo. When we first came here there was not a person in the place who was studying about the Lord. But, glory to God! there are eighteen saved now, all of whom are sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, except two.

This was a very wicked place indeed. There was much murder committed and people did most everything but serve the Lord.

But we are going on with Him now. We surely need your prayers. We have been praying for a real shower of His Spirit, and I do not doubt Him. Glory to His name! He keeps my soul aflame with His mighty power.

Your sister in Christ,
E. L. Jones.

Eldorado, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

I want to praise the Lord because He has kept me through these many days. I am so glad He saved my soul from an awful hell that awaits the ungodly, and sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. He keeps me healed and my family also. Praise His name!

It seems that perilous times are creeping upon us very fast. We are now quarantined for smallpox. We are not allowed to have services unless we are vaccinated or have had smallpox and have certificates. It seems we are almost forsaken, but Jesus knows best. I am sometimes made to think of the children of Israel at the Red Sea. God will deliver in due time. I am trusting Him.

Our revival had just begun when we were closed out on account of this disease. The Lord was blessing in many ways. There are many hungry souls here. We desire your prayers that God will deliver us from this bondage that souls may be saved.

Your sister in Christ,
Lizzie Caraway.

Gone, But Not Forgotten.

The two small sons of Brother J. L. Koon, of Ft. White, Fla., were called from earth Feb. 21, 1918. While the little fellows were playing they dug a hole in the sand and were found therein, the earth having caved in upon them. Death resulted from suffocation.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep.

Darlington, Md.

To Brother Tomlinson and the Saints of God Scattered Abroad—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am fighting the battle for Jesus and mean to continue till the end. I want to live a clean life and do what God wants me to do. I know what it takes to live a Christian life for I have tried it. I once had great power with God and could ask Him to do a thing and He would hear and answer my prayer.

As some of the Church of God members know, I was one of the number composing the first little despised band that went to Hiawasee, Va. God was with us and worked mightily through us. I never have regretted the day we went there, for several people found the blessed Lord and are now doing His blessed will, while several went back into the darkness of the world.

I enjoy reading the Evangel very much. I love religious papers.

I once bitterly opposed the Church of God. I had the good fortune to hear Brother Arthur Fortner preach at Hiawasee, Va. in Oct. 1917. Conviction got hold of me; the Lord told me to go to the altar and confess what I had said about these people and all would be well, but if I didn't I would be sorry. But I fought the conviction away and didn't go, for I had said many hard things about you.

My wife was shown about the same thing. The Spirit told her to go to the altar and confess what she had said about the Church of God people or He would take our baby from us. The devil of course asked her if she wouldn't be pretty going up there, and told her that her husband talked about them all the time and would not approve of her doing such a thing; so she did not go either.

So we went back to Darlington, Md. and God took our little darling baby girl away to be with Him. You see God wanted us to confess and we would not do it, so we lost our baby on account of listening to the devil. But with the help of God I mean to press onward until I shall be with her again.

So, my Christian friends and all who read these lines, serve God and do what He says do.

If there are any baptized people (I mean baptized with the Holy Ghost) anywhere near Darlington I should be glad to hear from them, and if there are any meetings near, please let me know of them, I want to go.

We want a minister here this summer. There is no church here that teaches the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

Please pray for me.

Your brother,
Wm. P. Hawley.

Called Home.

After an illness of only four days our dear Sister Johnnie Maxwell of Pittsburg, Ga., a girl of nineteen summers was called home to live with Jesus. Feb. 15, 1918. She was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost more than two years ago, and left a bright testimony saying, "I am going home to live with mother."

Oh, how we shall miss her in our homes for she carried sunshine wherever she went. But most of all she will be missed in the church and choir where she loved to sing so well. Her sweet voice is hushed; we shall hear it no more until we meet around the throne of God where there will be no more partings.

At her request the funeral service was conducted by Brother Ricketts.

A sister in Christ.

LIFE EVERLASTING

SAM C. PERRY.

"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

Nothing is so desirable as life. Men are willing to give all they possess for a continuation of life. But how short is this life; a few short years and all pass away. Earth is a great cemetery, her inhabitants remain so short a time that few realize the object of their existence.

LIFE THAT SHALL NEVER END.

Some have had wild dreams of perpetual youth here in the present state, though none have been realized. But through the gospel of Jesus Christ eternal life and immortality has been brought to light (2 Tim. 1:10), and shown, or manifested to men, as the privilege of all.

It was said that "In Him was life: and the life was the light of men." John 1:4. And "Whoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," and further "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," and "He that hath the Son hath life," for "this life is in His Son." "Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins." Mat. 1:21. So from the different Scriptural terms, that, which is called salvation, life, and eternal life is all the same.

ETERNAL LIFE RECEIVED BY BELIEVING ON CHRIST.

"Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31. There is no other entrance into this eternal life, absolutely. Jesus Himself said, "I am the way the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6. How easy it should be for poor fallen humanity to find the way back to God if those who profess to be teachers in Israel would leave off the thousand confusing doctrines of men and simply point the lost to Jesus the only Savior of sinners. A man once said to me as he walked with me to the train, in face of so many teachings about God and religion, "I don't know what to believe." That man was dead and in eternity before I ever saw him again. The world needs Jesus Christ today more than anything else that the church can offer and nothing can help without Him. We should lift Him up as the Savior for all men. Too many doctrines and theories and forms and ceremonies confuse their minds, and we need to make the story as simple as possible and show that the religion of Jesus Christ is the only means of deliverance from sin and its consequences.

LIFE ETERNAL MOVES MEN TO AN INTELLIGENT SERVICE OF GOD.

"And this is life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." John 17:3. "We know that the Son of God is come and hath given us an understanding that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." 1 John 5:20. And "We know that

we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." Such a condition as this would make us easily overcomers and lightbearers everywhere we go. But this religion of darkness, doubts and fears, where sin and Satan for the greater part are the overcomers is of very little value to its possessors or anybody else.

The roll of the faithful in all ages is composed of those who were in touch with God and know His will and went intelligently about the task given them in the service of the Almighty. But thousands blunder and stumble along in these days of Pentecostal light and power with as little light, and some with even less than that possessed by men who never lived to see the days of Jesus and His apostles. "Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord." Hosea 6:3. God is faithful, and will fulfill His word in those who are true to Him. But if we deny Him He will deny us.

We are commanded to "study to show ourselves approved unto God rightly dividing the word of truth." If we do not do our part God is under no obligations to do anything for us. Study, search, pray and He will reveal.

TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE WE MUST OBEY JESUS CHRIST.

"If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17. "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land, Isaiah 1:19.

Believers in Jesus Christ are so pleased with His plan and will for them that it becomes at once their greatest pleasure to fulfill them. His thought is the most perfect way, and they would not for anything change it if they could.

It is so agreeable to all the needs and conditions of life. It gives such full and complete satisfaction under all the changing scenes of life, whether in sickness or in health, at home or abroad, in trial or blessing.

Nothing can so please the child of God as to be acceptable with Him and in harmony with all His commands. They will not question why God wants this or that, all they want to know is that it is God's will, and when they can be sure of God's will, no other course of action can be considered for them, it is settled. "Thy will be done."

THOSE WHO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. "Even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4. "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." Gal. 6:15.

So if we are not made new creatures in Christ all our profession is vain. It is much easier to profess and make public declarations of what we are going to do than it is to show the goods to the world. If God has taken away the old sins of the past and shined us up with the fruits and graces of His Spirit, the world can see without difficulty who and what we are. But if we still possess the same old ways and tempers we had when in the world we will find it very hard to make men see Christ in us.

If we are new creatures in

Christ we will feel, think, talk, act and in general be different from a sinner.

TO KEEP THIS ETERNAL LIFE WE MUST BE TRUE TO THE END.

"But Christ as a son over his house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6. "To present you holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in his sight, if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard." Col. 1:22-23. "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Mat. 24:13.

These passages would knock to pieces the old notion of "once in grace always in grace." And even Spirit-filled people would do well to note that Satan is on the alert to overthrow them, and he will do it if possible. God has most certainly provided all the grace and power that we need to carry us through, but what good will such grace and power be to us if we neglect the means of applying them to our lives, and we become cold and formal?

Our honest conviction is that there are many thousands whose hearts once thrilled with the blessing and power of the Holy Ghost, that today are wrecks, and still they continue to fall away. There are more backsliders, doubtless, today than there are faithful worshippers who are holding true to God.

With all the snares and pitfalls set today for the feet of the unwary, it is no wonder that many fall, and yet God has made provision for the full deliverance of every one, to the end.

But to gain all that God has provided, it requires holding, standing firm, praying through, fighting the fight of faith, enduring as good soldiers, resisting evil, contending for the faith, bearing the cross, self-denial, humiliation on a greater scale than hitherto known. Come out from the world. Touch not the unclean thing. Be strong. Watch. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."—Jesus.

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Gone To Be With Jesus.

Dear Sister Willie Brady went to live with Jesus on Jan. 31, 1914. She was wonderfully healed last summer of typhoid fever. On last Thanksgiving she was healed of pneumonia. At last she was taken with congestion of the brain.

Sister Brady was a member of the Church of God at Trenton, Ark. She received the Holy Ghost about two years ago.

She leaves to mourn her loss six children and a host of friends, but we weep not as those who have no hope for our loss is heaven's gain. She trusted God to the end and was continually trying to praise Him to the very last.

Two loving friends,
Eunice Jenkins,
Dovie Coats.

Fargo, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and

Evangel Readers:
I thank God this morning for His goodness to me in that He did not cast me away when I was in sin.

I certainly do enjoy reading the little Evangel with its good messages of love. My soul has

often been refreshed and tears would flow down my cheeks as love for God's children filled my heart and I would say, "God bless them! Make us all what you want us to be."

Surely God has called me with an holy calling. I ask all who read this to pray that I shall receive just the blessing that I need, that I may be led by the Holy Ghost. Praise Him forever!

God bless you all.

Your unworthy brother,
Martin Baldree.

Notice.

To the Churches on the Harriman District, Viz.—Harriman, Armathwaite, Brownstown, Coalfield, Reeds Cross Roads, Rockwood, including Oliver Springs:

All the pastors of said churches and ministers working within the boundary of said district are hereby requested to be present at the Church of God in Harriman, Tenn., on Saturday, at 7:00 P. M., March 30, 1918., to counsel together and plan for a great forward movement for the spring and summer campaign. We want to defeat the enemy on every side and come out at the Assembly more than conquerors if the Lord tarries.

On Sunday night following, the Sacrament will be administered. Remember this is the fifth Sunday in March.

Come and enjoy a feast with the Lord and His church.

Yours for the greatest success,
Chas. M. Grisam.

Cartersville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and

Evangel Readers:
I am glad I can report victory through Jesus. Bless His dear name!

I have just returned from Sewaree, Ga. where I preached a week. The full gospel had never been preached there. The people seemed very much interested; several gave their hands for prayer and begged me to come back and tell them more.

Oh, there are so many people hungry for the Word! They are looking for something to help them in these last days. Who will go and help them by telling them of the power in Jesus' blood, of how He can satisfy the hungry heart?

Please pray for me.

Your sister, under the blood,
Mrs. M. O. Terrell.

Fitzgerald, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I don't feel like I could do without the Evangel, for it gives me much joy.

I am so glad the Lord ever gave me the light on the Church of God.

I am wholly sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and speak in other tongues. The Lord wonderfully blesses me. Praise His holy name!

I was sixty-five years of age when I received the wonderful blessing. I live so happy every day. Praise the Lord!

Martha Parson.

Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Brother:

We are in the midst of a good revival here. God is surely pouring out His Spirit, and blessing souls. Altar full of seekers most every service. One preacher received the Holy Ghost a few days ago, and three more in the altar seeking last night. Several have been sanctified and eleven received the Holy Ghost up to the present.

The fire was seen in the altar Sunday night even by those who did not have the Holy Ghost, and it surely stirred the people as never before. Another preacher received the Holy Ghost last night, and more coming.

—E. Haynes.

Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Brother in Christ:

I am praising the Lord for His saving grace. I am so glad ever found the way of holiness. I've been in the way about three years and have never become tired of it.

I am praying for the lost world. I realize it is time we were all praying more.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may grow stronger in the Lord each day.

Your brother in Christ,
Dewey Jones.

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At Rest.

Dear Brother Will Richey departed this life Feb. 8, 1918 after an illness of eighteen months.

When Brother Will was first taken sick he was a member of the Baptist Church, but he found it was going to take something else to take him through to heaven, so he made a complete surrender to God and was wonderfully saved. A few days afterward he was baptized with the Holy Ghost. Thank God! We expect to meet him again around the great white throne.

The funeral service was conducted by our pastor, W. H. Cross and the body laid away in the Church of God cemetery near Walhalla, S. C.

A father, mother, three brothers and three sisters are left to mourn his loss.

Please pray for the mother who is suffering with tuberculosis and desires healing.

A loving friend,
Crayton Chandler.

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WAR.

SNO. F. WALTER.

This is a time of war. It is nothing new for nations to be engaged in war; this has been going on for ages. But the time is drawing near when they will cease. This is a time when governments are calling for men. It is a time when the greatest preparations are being made among nations for war. It is a time when men are being trained for service in the army.

But the war about which I want to speak more particularly is the spiritual warfare. It is a warfare in which all nations and individuals should be engaged. Nations call first for young men, so does the Lord. The Word says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." This includes both sexes. Oh, that young people could see the great importance of these words and get salvation in the days of their youth, before their minds have developed to any degree in sin. God calls every young person to service; it grieves my heart to know that so few answer the call. What is life without salvation? "Vanity," saith the wise man.

Now, when a young man is called to serve in the war he is given training that makes him strong, robust and brave; he is given a uniform and instruments of war. So, when one engages in the service of the Lord he is (or can be) equipped with everything that is essential to his winning in the battle against the enemy.

When armies are engaged in battle they never think of defeat. So must they be who are in the battle for the Lord, they must never think of defeat, because there is no necessity of it. The Lord is always with them that are in the battle for the right and the Lord never knew any defeat.

The soldier boys are never taught to retreat; neither do we find anywhere in the word of God that any soldier of Jesus Christ should retreat. Soldiers in the army must never break rank; neither must they in battle for the Lord. To retreat or fall back always means defeat.

You, my friend—are you a soldier? and what kind of one are you? Are you engaged in the battle for the Lord? And are you determined to win the victory? Do you know what it takes to win the victory? Have you responded to the call? Have you the complete salvation? Have you on the uniform? Are you in line? Are you fully surrendered to the Lord? It takes a full surrender to win the victory over the enemy.

In war among nations, soldiers are engaged day and night, through heat and cold, dry or wet, hungry and tired, facing the enemy. Now, if we are good soldiers of Jesus and win the victory for Him, we will not pay any attention to the cold nor to the hot weather, the rain, nor the mud, but we will march right on, never breaking rank. We notice that some soldiers of Jesus fall back when conditions are not as favorable as they think they ought to be. They will allow some little trifle to hinder them from going to the services or doing some kind deed for some one that is in need. They will retreat on some little excuse; they are not willing to press through these seeming difficulties. Are you willing to do what Jesus has done for you? Will you be with those of whom

Jesus speaks in Mat. 25:35-40, or will you be found with those in verses 41-46.

We certainly learned a good lesson in the Sunday school lesson, in the account of the four men bringing the sick man to Jesus. Note their determination; they would not as much as let the house nor the multitude of people hinder them from getting to Jesus. How many people today lack determination! They allow a little of nothing to hinder them from getting to Jesus that they might thus be equipped for service.

In this great warfare, let us remember that Jesus is our King, and that failure is impossible if we only obey His commands. In 2 Tim. 2:3,4, we read: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life."

When Pharaoh and his army pursued after Moses and the children of Israel, Moses said unto the children of Israel, "The Lord will fight for you." That ought to encourage us to press the battle and to not waver in the least. In 1 Tim. 6:12, we are admonished to "fight the good fight of faith." We must have a faith that will not waver. We may not always be able to see the enemy, neither can we see our King, but we have the promise that He will always be with us, even unto the end. One soldier could not do much alone, neither can we, alone, do much, but Paul says, in writing to the Philippians, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Paul endured persecution after persecution for Jesus' sake, and we have the same Christ that he had.

The national bugle has sounded many times, saying, "Get in line for battle, for the enemy is at hand!" And it means fight or defeat. Surely the great trumpet is being sounded in all nations to prepare them for the great day of the Lord. Nations are being warned to get in line having on the uniform which is the Holy Ghost. We know that nothing short of Holy Ghost religion will ever do. Get the uniform on, if you have not already done so, or you will be like the man, who, when the King came in, was found without the wedding garment. We read that he was speechless, signifying that he had no excuse. So let us have on the uniform or the wedding garment, or the Holy Ghost when the King shall appear that we may be able to abide the day of His coming.

Let us say in conclusion: Be a brave soldier; fight the good fight; trust in Him who maketh wars to cease, who subdueth all things; and finally, may we by the help of God, be able to say with Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel!

Much is being said today about COMPROMISE. There are those who are very quick to accuse others of compromising the Truth because they do not take a radical stand on some questions dear to their own hearts. Wherever there has been religious zeal the spirit of intolerance has characterized the Church. If Satan cannot fasten indifference upon the

Church, he seeks to drive her into bigoted intolerance.

During the Reformation while the leaders were still suffering persecution from the Papacy, they were intolerant of those who had different convictions.

This spirit in the Church of England persecuted the Puritans and put John Bunyan in jail, while others had their ears cut off and were even burned at the stake. The Puritans were as dogmatic and intolerant as their persecutors had been before them, when power fell into their hands, for they whipped and publicly hanged some Quakers on Boston Common.

O, to be able to hold the truths of God in love, to contend for the faith and yet have the spirit of toleration. Let us not be a laughing stock to the world and to the churches by getting red in the face and hot under the collar while defending the doctrines of the meek and lowly Jesus. People have often lost blessed experiences of divine grace through contention over doctrines.

All men have not yet come up to the knowledge of the Truth so they must be led on, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. There have been so many false doctrines and would-be teachers in the world to mislead the people that it takes time, patience and grace to make this old time religion take effect. God has committed unto us the greatest thing in the world and in our zeal to let the people know it, we may try to drive instead of persuade them to accept. If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not.—Selected by Howard Juillerat.

KNIT TOGETHER IN LOVE

J. R. UPCHURCH.

"Follow after charity (love), and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy."—1 Cor. 14:1. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."—1 Cor. 13:1.

"Follow after love!" How necessary is this admonition to those who are seeking or enjoying the gifts of the precious Holy Spirit in these marvelous days of Pentecostal outpouring. Old Satan will not care how many gifts you have, beloved, just so you are not filled with the love of God. The devil will sooner or later prostitute those gifts to his own service if he can just make you swerve from the way of divine love.

You may speak with the tongues of men or of angels, but if you are not filled with the precious overflowing love of God your testimony will be worse than useless; it will only make a din in the ears of men which will deafen them and prevent their hearing heavenly voices. Sounding brass and clanging cymbals shut out sweet sounds. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law."—Gal. 5:22.

Oh, how I do praise the Lord for this precious love of our suffering Savior! How important it is that His children be knit together in love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us."—1 John 4:9.

Now, beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

Bridgetown, Barbados, B. W. I.

Dear Editor—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

May grace and peace be multiplied through our Lord Jesus Christ—Him who sought us when we were strangers and aliens even to the covenant of promise; but thank God for His infinite love which has gathered us as sheep under one Shepherd.

I am led to give God a word of praise for His goodness to me in saving me from a world of sin, in plucking me a brand from the eternal burning. I do praise Him for the time when justification took the place of condemnation. Not only that, but I praise Him for sanctifying me wholly, taking out the Adamic nature and giving me peace that passeth understanding. He also baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance according to Acts 2:4.

Jesus is also my healer. He healed me of some Spanish plagues that I had had for years. All physicians' prescriptions had failed to help me. I could not walk on my feet. I tried Jesus and, glory to God! immediately the plagues dried up. I put on my boots and walked a distance.

I praise God also for the healing of my eyes. I could hardly see beyond my nose without glasses, and I realized that glasses were failing. Jesus made the body; He knew the trouble with my eyes, and praise His name, He restored my sight. Glory be to His dear name!

Our convention at headquarters is just over. Eternity alone will tell its results. We observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. The last Sunday was just like heaven. I can only describe it by saying "It was glorious." Glory! glory! glory!

Revivals will be starting from our Assembly from tonight, and we are praying for a great time, for souls to be saved, believers sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and set on fire for God and saints carried from glory to glory. Oh, hallelujah! Our overseer left Barbados for Cleveland, Tennessee, but the Lord's desire was for him to leave Barbados for Glory.

Please pray for the work here, and pray that God will give us an overseer in the room of our deceased Brother Joseph. He has left an example for us to follow in his steps and covet his humble and meek life. His last words to us were: "Meet me at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb."

I have been saved and kept for the last eighteen months. Please pray that I shall be in His will continually.

Your sister in Christ,
Rose Thorne.

Request.

Brother Van. B. Merrill of Point, Texas, is having a severe test in his body and desires special prayer of all the churches.

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